CLAIMS

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1.   A fund-raising computer network for simplifying and inducing the giving of monetary contributions by a multiplicity of remote prospective contributors comprising,

a first computer with communication circuitry that communicates data sets comprised of requests soliciting the making of monetary contributions onto a computer network for receipt by a plurality of remote prospective contributors' computers;

a communication link that communicatively links the first computer with a second computer; and,

a second computer with communication circuitry that receives data sets comprised of contributions communicated from the remote contributors' respective computers.

2.   The fund-raising computer network of claim 1 further comprising means for encrypting and decoding the data packets comprised of contributions, whereby the data packets are encrypted for communication onto a computer network.

3.   The fund-raising computer network of claim 1 in which said monetary contribution is a political contribution.

4.   The fund-raising computer network of claim 1 in which said monetary contribution is a charitable contribution.

5.   The fund-raising computer network of claim 1 in which said monetary contribution is a religious contribution.

6.   The fund-raising computer network of claim 1 in which said request

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comprises a multi-media presentation.

7.   The fund-raising computer network of claim 1 further comprising means for substantiating the respective contributors respective contributions.

8.   The fund-raising computer network of claim 1 further comprising means for entering debits to accounts of contributors and entering credits to an account of a fund-raiser.

9.   A method of simplifying and inducing the giving of monetary contributions by a multiplicity of remote prospective contributors comprising,

communicating onto a computer network for receipt by remote prospective contributors' computers data sets each comprised of requests soliciting the making of monetary contributions;

communicating onto a computer network by the remote contributor's computers data sets comprised of contributions responsive to the requests; and,

receiving the data sets comprised of contributions communicated from the remote contributors' computers.

10.   The method of claim 9 further comprising the steps of encrypting the data sets comprised of contributions for communication onto the computer network, and decoding the encrypted data sets comprised of contributions at a remote computer.

11.   The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of selectively presenting to the remote prospective contributors' computers recommended numerical contribution amounts correlated to the respective credit worthiness of the contributors.

12.   The method of claim 9 in which said contribution is a political

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contribution.

13.   The method of claim 9 in which said contribution is a charitable contribution.

14.   The method of claim 9 in which said contribution is a religious contribution.

15.   The method of claim 9 in which said request comprises a multi-media presentation.

16.   The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of associating the communication of the data sets comprised of the requests to a natural disaster.

17.   The method of claim 9 further comprising the steps of segregating groups of data sets comprised of contributions correlated to respective causes, temporarily storing the segregated groups, and communicating the respective segregated groups sequentially to another remote computer for further processing.

18.   The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of transmitting data sets substantiating said contributions to the multiplicity of contributors' computers.

19.   The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of decoupling requests for authorizations of the respective contributions when the contributions are entered onto the remote prospective contributors computers.

20.   A method of facilitating and inducing the making of monetary contributions comprising,

communicating data sets comprised of wish list items to a plurality of remote fund-raising terminals; and,

receiving data sets comprised of contributions communicated from the plurality of remote fund-raising terminals.

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